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Harm reduction is an important public health tool, but it needs to be done responsibly. Currently, there are no laws in the state of Oregon regulating the distribution of syringes. This bill is the first law regulating syringe distribution in Oregon.

The bill prohibits mobile syringe distribution clinics from distributing syringes within 2000 feet of a school. This is just common sense. Children should be protected in and around schools. They should be able to play and learn without fear of stepping on discarded needles.